

IN THE CLAIMS:

1 1. – 20. (Cancelled)

1 21. (New) A padfolio having an exterior pocket along an exterior cover comprising:

2 a pair of opposing covers joined together by a spine on an edge of each of the op-
3 posing covers;

4 the exterior pocket being located on an exterior surface of one of the opposing
5 covers, wherein the pocket is formed by a flap joined along a base edge, the base edge
6 being joined the exterior surface adjacent to the spine;

7 the flap including a front edge unjoined to the exterior surface and thereby con-
8 structed and arranged to receive documents through the front edge, the flap further in-
9 cluding two side edges, each side edge having a recess taper to partially reveal whether at
10 least a single document is held within the pocket while the flap is tensioned against the
11 exterior surface; and

12 a pair of elastic strips connected between each side edge, respectively, and the
13 exterior surface, the elastic strips generating tension and being constructed and arranged
14 to maintain a holding friction against the documents, and the front edge and the two side
15 edges being unattached to the cover except by the pair of elastic strips while a region in
16 which documents may be viewed is visible along the side edges remote from the straps.

1 22. (New) A padfolio with an exterior pocket along an exterior cover comprising:

2 a flap attached adjacent to the spine of the padfolio, where the flap creates a base
3 edge adjacent to the spine, to side edges, and a front edge;

4 the front edge unattached to the exterior cover, and the front edge being adapted
5 to allow documents to slide into the pocket through the front edge;

6 an outer perimeter edge stitched on the exterior cover in an approximately rectan-
7 gular shape with one side adjacent to the base edge and the approximately rectangular
8 shape being slightly larger than the flap; and

9 the two side edges being unattached except by a pair of elastic strips attached be-
10 tween plies of the flap and the outer perimeter edge, and the two side edges including a
11 taper defined as a gap between the outer perimeter edge and the side edge being wider at
12 the base edge and narrower at the front edge, the taper partially revealing at least a single
13 document within the pocket when the flap is tensioned against the exterior cover by the
14 elastic straps.

1 23. (New) The padfolio of claim 22, wherein the elastic strips being configured with a
2 width less than half a length of the side edge.

1 24. (New) The padfolio of claim 22, wherein the gap being configured by a width of the
2 base edge being greater than a width of the front edge.

1 25. (New) The padfolio of claim 24, wherein the gap being generated by an angle be-
2 tween approximately 2 and 5 degrees.